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## Generals bid farewell to 3rd ID

**Spc. Ricardo Branch**  
*1st Brigade Public Affairs*

Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division said goodbye to two of their leaders, Brig. Gen. Karl Horst, assistant division commander - maneuver, and Brig. Gen. Mark O'Neill, assistant division commander - support, in a farewell ceremony June 1 at Club Stewart.

Maj. Gen. William Webster Jr., 3rd Inf. Div. commander, opened the ceremony with his recognition of the two departing officers who fulfilled their duties for the division.

"Today we say goodbye to two Soldiers who have served their positions honorably and have completed their missions given to them," he said.

Webster said he will miss them, but looks forward to when the departing Soldiers and their families cross paths with the Marne Division again.

Horst, who came to the division in the spring of 2004, said he has gone through a full range of emotions leading up to his farewell ceremony.

"First, I'm proud to be a Dogface Soldier ... again, and I am proud to have served in combat as Marne 66," he said, referring to the ADC-M's callsign. "Second, I feel humility — humility for having been afforded the privilege to serve with great Soldiers, noncommis-

sioned officers, and officers of this division."

"And third is gratitude — gratitude to those who made the Horst family's stop at the Marne waypoint along our Army journey possible," he added.

Horst said his time at Stewart with 3rd ID will be a memory he'll always cherish.

"To have served with these wonderful, talented officers, NCOs, enlisted Soldiers, and Department of the Army officials makes Fort Stewart truly a tremendous place to serve," Horst said.

"Though I am leaving Fort Stewart and the 3rd Infantry Division, I am not leaving the XVIII Airborne Corps team — I look forward to continuing to work with you and for you as we do our Army's work," he said. "It's been a tremendous experience and I'll miss you all."

O'Neill, who also came to the division in the spring of 2004, remembered seeing his assignment orders to Stewart as an opportunity to work with familiar faces, and run into old friends again.

"The longer you are in the Army, the more you realize how small the Army really is, and it's not about places served or things accomplished but really about people," O'Neill said. "The thing I've

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Sgt. Ben Brody

**Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Infantry Division commander, bids farewell to Brig. Gen. Mark O'Neill, assistant division commander - support, and Brig. Gen. Karl Horst, assistant division commander - maneuver (right) during a ceremony June 1 at Club Stewart.**

## Ferrell takes Spartan reins



Spc. Jimmy D. Lane, Jr.

**Col. Terry R. Ferrell accepts the 2nd Brigade Combat Team colors from Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Infantry Division commander, as outgoing brigade commander Col. Joseph P. DiSalvo (right) looks on at Cottrell Field Tuesday. See story, Page 6A.**

## Soldiers become U.S. citizens in Stewart ceremony

**Spc. Emily J. Wilsoncroft**  
*Frontline staff*

For 42 Soldiers and one Navy sailor, May 31 was more than just the day before payday — it was the day they became full-fledged citizens of the nation they've already sworn to defend.

The servicemembers gathered in Fort Stewart's Woodruff Theater to raise their right hands once again, this time to swear sole allegiance to the United States and officially claim it as their country.

"As Soldiers and sailors in these armed forces, you understand more than most what citizenship really means," said Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Infantry Division commander, as he addressed Stewart's newest Americans. "We must have informed citizens who participate in democracy.

"You've already been tested on U.S. knowledge," Webster continued. "We expect you to continue with that education, and remember to participate in your country — get out and vote!"

After reciting the oath, the newly-naturalized servicemembers were each handed a certificate and a folded flag, and President George W. Bush spoke to them in a video address.

"This land is a nation of immigrants, enriched by different cultures," Bush said. "You now go forward as citizens of a free

nation."

Sgt. Lovell M. Augustin, a Company C, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment Soldier who originally hailed from St. Lucia in the West Indies, said he was "relieved" to finally be able to call the U.S. his country.

"It was a long process," he said.

The process could have been much longer, though — immigrants serving in America's military during wartime are given the chance to expedite their path to citizenship.

"The choice to defend one's country is respected at the highest level," said Rosemary L. Melville, district director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, during the naturalization ceremony. "On behalf of a grateful nation, thank you for your service and your sacrifice."

Spc. Koko Barrigah, a water treatment specialist with Fort Benning's 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, said she came to the U.S. for a better life.

"My sister was already here," said the former citizen of Togo. "I was really happy to take the oath and become a citizen."

Many of those who were naturalized have already served in combat at least once, some twice, and for one Soldier, three times, Webster said.

"These are some of America's best," he said, "and it's wonderful now to welcome them in as new citizens of the United States."



Sharon Bass

**Soldiers recite their oath of citizenship at Woodruff Theater May 31.**

## VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

# Farewell from Marne Six

**Maj. Gen William G. Webster Jr.**  
*3rd Inf. Div. commander*

To the Soldiers and civilians of the Marne Team, Fort Stewart, and HAAF,

As Kimberly and I depart Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield for the third time, we also leave 3rd Infantry Division for the third time. We are extremely proud to have served with all of you in these troubled times for our nation.

The Soldiers, families, civilian employees, and volunteers of the Marne Team have been better than we ever could have imagined.

We feel honored that we could focus on our mission, our Soldiers, and our team together with each of you.

Thank you for your service, dedication, and hard work. We are better people for having known you, and we will be forever grateful.

Your work is very precious to our nation.

Best wishes to all of you and your families, and may God continue to bless you.

Please welcome Maj. Gen. Lynch and his wife, Sarah, with the same hospitality that you graced us with over the last three years.

We hope to see you on the high ground in the near future!

Maj. Gen. and Mrs. William G. Webster

### Rock of the Marne!



# It's never too late to start for estate planning

**Sgt. Lorenda M. Morris**  
*3rd Sust. Bde. Public Affairs*

I arrived at Fort Stewart in January 2001. The first words out of my new first sergeant's mouth were, "You know we're deploying, right?"

I was dumfounded. Straight out of AIT, I was herded through Central Issue Facility and endured the process of Soldier readiness checks. A month and half later, I was in the desert supporting Operation Desert Spring. I was sitting on the tailgate of my signal shelter watching the sun disappear behind the wire and a man-made berm, when I realized what my enlistment really meant.

I had agreed to live down my life for my country. That thought started a storm in my head of what-ifs. Fortunately, the Army had made provisions for me where I would have never thought to.

Suddenly I remembered making out a will, which I didn't see the use for at the time. I signed forms saying to whom I wanted my insurance and final pay to go, and who to contact in case anything happened to me.

As Soldiers, it's important that we plan ahead. Just like we inventory and check our gear before a mission, we should do the

same with our lives. We never know where the next mission will take us, or what the outcome will be. Though no one likes to dwell on their own mortality, we need to be prepared.

Just before Operation Iraqi Freedom III, I contacted my bank for help with estate planning. They were really helpful and the advice was free. As I was advised,

I gathered all of my important documents such as my will, banking records, deeds, key codes, passwords, car titles, insurance records and military records, and made sure my family knew where to find them.

Next, I looked into powers of attorney. Giving someone a power of attorney was really rough for me. I had to go see legal to get the full scope of how much power my power of attorney was really granting. It's a big responsibility to ask of someone.

In the end I picked a family member who I trusted to carry out my wishes. I decided on one general power of attorney for my estate executor.



Be careful with that. A general power of attorney is a lot of power to give someone. They can sign things for you, open or close accounts, or even start a lease in your name. If a general power of attorney isn't for you, try looking into a special power of attorney which designates a specific function that can be performed.

I went through all my accounts and made sure I updated my beneficiaries. That included my life insurance policies, retirement accounts, and bank accounts.

I would never want to leave my family with the burden of trying to decide who gets what. It's not like I was loaded, but I wanted to make sure they got what I did have without starting a war within the family.

When I was done with all the legal stuff, I tried to think of anything that I missed.

I had missed as it turns out the most important thing of all — writing letters to my family. I wanted them to know, individually, how much they meant to me and all things that I hoped for their future. It really gave me peace of mind.

So, with the Marne Express moving right along, ask yourself, "Am I prepared to take this ride?"

# When Mother Nature strikes, save and save often

**Bridgett Siter**  
*Bayonet staff*

Save and save often. That's our mantra at Fort Benning's *The Bayonet*. We're not persnickety spenders — quite the contrary. But that's a different story. No, we save and save often because we've learned the hard way that the post's electrical system can't be trusted to carry us through to deadline.

Power outages, though often brief, have a way of reducing hours and hours of research and writing to nothing. Nil. A clean slate. That's a great thing if you're a prisoner of, say, the Georgia penal system. It's a bad thing if you're chained to the desk Wednesday night.

So, we save our work by punching a couple of keys on the computer. It takes seconds, but it pays off in the long run.

Save and save often is a good philosophy no matter what it is you do, no matter where you live. But it's never so pertinent as now, as we enter storm season in the South. You stand to lose a lot more than a couple of hours worth of work if you don't protect yourself, your family, your home and your "stuff" from Mother Nature's mood swings by taking a few minutes here and there to review your family's

emergency plan of action.  
**Save yourself a headache.**

Prepare now for every foul weather possibility, and you'll save yourself a lot of fret. Since "foul weather" includes the notorious Southern heat wave, you'll want to stow bottled water and sun-block in the car.

A light-weight, long-sleeve shirt is a good idea, also. Should you find yourself stranded and have to walk for help, you'll need to be covered, albeit lightly, to protect yourself from sunburn.

If you, or someone you know, should suffer from heat exhaustion.

Get them to a shady spot, douse the sheet in water, and wrap it loosely around them until help arrives.

June 1 marks the beginning of hurricane season here in the South. You should plan for storms the same way you plan for the heat. Pack a survival kit for the house, and make sure everyone in the family knows where to find it and how to use it.

**Save yourself a fortune.**

A power surge from lightning can destroy your electronics and appliances. Turn them off. Even if

they survive the storm, a power outage is often followed by a sudden surge, or "spike," which can damage your TV, computer, air conditioner, refrigerator, washer or furnace.

If the power goes out, turn off and unplug anything and everything electrical, except for one light. Leave that light "on" so you'll know when the power is restored.

You can help prolong the life of perishables by "stuffing" the fridge with plastic containers, like empty milk jugs, filled with water and frozen. It's a good idea to keep a few in your deep freeze. When the weatherman predicts a storm, move the containers to the fridge.

During thunderstorms, draw blinds and curtains over your windows. If a window should break, the extra layers will limit the amount of shattering and reduce the danger of flying glass. It's a myth that opening a window will "equalize the pressure."

**Save a life.**

Shelter is your best defense against lightning, which kills nearly 100 people annually in the U.S.

If you're on or near water, get to dry land, far away from the water, as quickly as possible.

If you're in a vehicle, keep the doors shut and the windows rolled up. A car offers protection because its metal frame diverts the charge away from the passengers. It's a myth that the tires "ground" the vehicle, but you'll be safe inside as long as you don't touch anything metal leading to the frame.

If you're outside, and you hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning, even if you haven't seen lightning. One of nature's most unpredictable forces, lightning can strike 25 miles from its parent cloud in less than 100 microseconds.

In an open area, find the lowest lying dry ground and squat, placing your hands on your knees and your head between them. Make yourself the smallest target possible. Do not lie down or spread out.

Of the 1,000 tornados reported each year in the U.S., most are fast and furious, wreaking havoc in less than 10 minutes. But they've been known to last as long as an hour, sustaining winds up to 300 miles per hour. They can be accompanied or followed by hail and flying debris, both potentially deadly. Conduct regular safety drills with your family and review and update your foul weather plan and your survival kit.

## Marne Voices Speak Out

"When you evacuate, make sure you take your bills and keep them in a safe place."

**Jessica DeLoach**  
Central Issue Facility



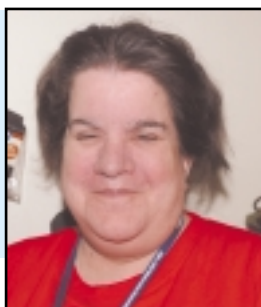
"Make sure you have plenty of water, at least one gallon per person."

**Mamie Bellamy**  
Central Issue Facility



"Among your other supplies, make sure you have a manual can-opener and batteries."

**Dorothy Quincy**  
Central Issue Facility



"Make sure your car is serviceable, with good tires — and bring a spare."

**Machelle Moore**  
Central Issue Facility



"Keep plenty of non-perishables on-hand and gas in your car."

**Command Sgt. Maj. Ray Hamilton**  
Central Issue Facility



"Know your evacuation routes and bring extra cash."

**SGT Damechea Hill**  
Company B, 26th FSB



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# 117th Air Control Squadron returns to families

**Nancy Gould**  
**Kurt Wolfe**  
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It was a long, anxious wait for family members who arrived at Hunter Army Airfield's Air National Guard facility May 31 to welcome their loved ones from the 117th Air Control Squadron home after their six-month deployment.

The 117th, based at Hunter Army Airfield, had assumed full responsibility for controlling all aircraft movements throughout Iraq.

Now they had little control as they and their families waited to be reunited.

Wives, husbands, children, parents and friends expected the Soldiers to roll in on buses around 6:30 a.m.

They arrived at 10 a.m., and the long wait seemed a minor inconvenience in light of the deployment's length.

For Nadia Harris, her husband's return carried with it more than a little anxiety. On April 1, she gave birth to their first child, a son named Aiden. Harris' husband, Staff Sgt. Casey Harris, had only seen grainy e-mailed photos of his son.

He had never heard or held his son. That would soon change.

During the long delay, Nadia paced the grounds, held Aiden, and waited for the buses to roll.

"The hardest part of his not being here was giving birth to our first child without him," Nadia said.

When asked what she would say to him at first sight, her eyes watered and she replied simply, "I won't be able to say anything."

Upon their reunion, that did not appear to be a

problem.

Harris, who served as a telecommunications specialist in Iraq, his wife and their infant son needed no words.

Kimberly Morgan has two daughters — Elizabeth, 8, and Genevieve, 2.

Kimberly was quick to note what her husband missed during the time he was deployed.

Genevieve learned to talk and her husband, Tech. Sgt. William Morgan, missed those first words.

Kimberly also spoke of what she has gained.

"I have a new respect for single moms," she said. "I will definitely appreciate having him home when he returns. He is my husband. He is my best friend."

The worst part, she says is "simply missing having a partner, and having to be alone."

When things got bad, however, she says she got down to basics — ordinary daily problems.

"Helping the kids when they have trouble with their homework keeps life real."

To a greater extent, the families of all of those who served in the 117th have missed out and are now catching up.

Morgan kept it simple upon their reunion. When asked what he thought about while waiting to be bused over to his anxious family, he thought little of his own needs.

He replied, "I was worried about the kids not getting breakfast."

Little doubt that their first scheduled stop was the International House of Pancakes.

Morgan was clear about what he planned first for his return. "Decent food, and go start a life again."



Nancy Gould

**Sgt. Casey Harris holds his baby son Aiden for the first time as his wife Nadia looks on, at the redeployment of the 117th Air National Guard at Hunter Army Airfield May 31.**

## Sand Hill Cemetery Association meets on Stewart

**Gail Aldridge**  
*Fort Stewart Public Affairs*

Family members from Tattnall, Evans, Wayne, Long and surrounding counties traveled to Fort Stewart for an annual meeting of the Sand Hill Cemetery Association June 4.

The Sand Hill community was greatly affected in the early 1940s when Congress authorized the purchase of property in the area where Fort Stewart is now located. When Stewart was established, many families left land which had been in their families for generations.

Madell Robinson, 97, said she has attended this reunion event since she was a little girl. Her parents and grandparents are buried there.

"It warms my heart to visit each year," said Robinson. "My ancestry is here. So many good memories come to mind when I think of

Sand Hill. I know we can't come as often as we would like. I'm just thankful we can still come on the first Sunday in June each year. We enjoy the fellowship, remembrance and sharing with family and friends."

People often visit the cemeteries at Fort Stewart to reconnect with family history. Earnestine Solomon said she finds comfort and solace when she visits Sand Hill Cemetery — especially her father's gravesite and her twin brother Earnest Purcell's grave, who died at the age of 2.

"The Sand Hill Methodist Church was right over there," Solomon said, pointing toward an area beyond the cemetery. "We had Sunday school and church on the first Sunday of each month, then joined the members of the Cherry Grove Baptist Church on the third Sunday of each month for services."

Cherry Grove was located about three miles from Sand Hill.

Family members and area residents from both churches and the community were buried in Sand Hill Cemetery.

The president of the Sand Hill Cemetery Association, Martha Ann McGlashan, expressed her appreciation toward Fort Stewart.

"We appreciate the military letting us meet here every year," McGlashan said. "It means a lot to us to come out here to renew old memories, have a devotion with some of the same scriptures from God's word that our ancestors preached from the old church, and share some fond memories from a bygone era."

"We realize the importance of Fort Stewart as a major training center for Soldiers and know how vital that training is and has been in this current ongoing war on terrorism," she said. "My sister, Meriam Weathers and I both work for the Directorate of Logistics on Fort Stewart and try our best to help Soldiers. We appreciate their sacrifice, their defense of our country and we pray for them often."



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Fort Stewart McGruff Safe House Program

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# Team provides training, equipment to Kurdish police

1st Lt. Graham Erickson  
549th Military Police Company

DAHUK, Iraq — Kurdish areas of Iraq have long been overlooked by Coalition Forces, but that’s one thing the Dahuk Police Transition Team intends to fix.

The team’s mission is to assess, train, equip, and monitor the progress of the Dahuk Security Forces in their journey to becoming a fully autonomous force capable of operation without Coalition involvement.

The team consists of a 10-person military police squad from 549th Military Police Company headquartered in Mosul, eight International Police Liaison Officers (U.S. civilian contractors with civilian law enforcement backgrounds) and an officer from the 549th MP Co., who serves as the team chief.

They live on an isolated Kurdish compound in the mountains of Iraq’s northernmost province, Dahuk, which borders Syria and Turkey. The province is primarily Kurdish and has seen little of the insurgent violence which has plagued the rest of the country.

The lack of violence has prompted the Coalition to focus on other more hostile areas of Iraq, while bypassing the training and equipment needs of the police in the northern Kurdish provinces.

Upon arriving in Dahuk in late February, the transition team’s first task was to assess each of the 48 police stations scattered throughout the mountainous province. The assessment identified key deficiencies in training, which the team moved to correct immediately.

Aside from scheduling the Kurds to attend police academies in other areas of Iraq, PTT members began offering specialized training to the provincial police and Asayeesh (Kurdish federal police) at their mountain compound near the town of Zawita.

The training included specialized courses in checkpoint operations, which the Kurds operate throughout the province to interdict insurgents; Special Reaction Team, which teaches SWAT tactics to selected police; investigative sciences; police leadership; and basic police skills.

In addition to offering training at the Zawita compound, the Dahuk PTT has started sending a mobile training team of five personnel to train police in outlying districts. Training which couldn’t be provided directly by the team, such as explosive ord-



Courtesy photos

**Sgt. Christopher Kemp and Sgt. Brian Hayes of the 549th Military Police Company Dahuk Police Transition Team teach Kurdish Police how to subdue a suspect during a checkpoint operations course in Zawita, Iraq.**

nance disposal, was arranged for by PTT personnel through the Iraq Ministry of Interior.

Since Coalition Forces are not present in large numbers in the Dahuk Province, PTT personnel have helped to resolve issues outside the realm of traditional MPs. Major threats in the province

are landmines and other unexploded ordnance remaining from the decades-old struggle between Saddam Hussein’s military and the Kurdish Peshmerga.

Kurdish Police in the remote town of Chamanki had expressed concern to MPs about unmarked minefields surrounding the town, which had claimed the lives of many civilians in past years. Team chief 1st Lt. Graham Erickson coordinated with Ricky Nilsen, field manager for the civilian mine-clearing organization Mine Awareness Group to have the fields around Chamanki marked and cleared.

Other initiatives overseen by the Dahuk PTT include a \$100,000 renovation contract on the provincial police headquarters and a special partnership with the Dahuk Ministry of Justice to have a Kurdish Investigative Judge take part in PTT basic police skills training to teach Kurdish Police the fundamentals of Iraqi Law.

While the U.S. military manpower investment in the Dahuk province is minimal compared with other areas in Iraq, 549th MP Co.’s Dahuk Police Transition Team is ensuring Kurdish Police are ready to assume total control of their province in the near future.



**Above: Kurdish SWAT Police and Asayeesh Security Police practice assaulting vehicles at the PTT compound near Zawita. Right: IPLO Pat Tennant instructs Kurdish investigative police on the science of lifting latent fingerprints during an investigative science course at the Provincial Police Headquarters in Dahuk, Iraq.**



## Griffin Services help desk technician keeps division going

Jim Jeffcoat  
Command Information Chief

The electrical systems have taken a dive, operators can’t get the computers to run, and the electronic sign at the main gate is acting like it’s got a mind of its own — who you gonna call?

Wrong... not Ghostbusters!

You call the help desk at Griffin Services, Inc. and hope to get Andy Andrews assigned to the task.

Griffin Services is the contract agency on post tasked to answer non-family housing service orders.

The Griffin team responds to orders, which require minor maintenance and can be fixed with-

in 40 hours of labor and at a cost of \$2,000 or less.

It is hard to imagine a world without electricity. It touches and influences our daily lives in hundreds of ways, hence, it’s hard to imagine a world without Andrews.

Andrews, 56, has been working for Griffin for more than four years as a certified electrician. A Georgia native, he previously served in two branches of the American military. He worked for the Navy as an electrician and later served as a mechanic in both the Army and National Guard.

When he left the Guard, he returned to Savannah to take up a job at an electrical firm, which coincidentally also served Stewart and Hunter.

“My military career does not compare to that of today’s Soldiers,” Andrews said. “I don’t want to dwell on that — but I appreciate today’s Soldiers. I enjoy meeting, talking and working with them. They are a fine bunch of heroes.”

Defining Andrews’ job can be a challenge. In a nutshell, he works on anything that draws upon the functions of electrons and protons to operate. From putting in a simple light bulb, with a smile, to repairing the intricate circuits that keep the electronic sign at the front gate running.

In spite of his commitment to Fort Stewart as an electrician, Andrews has other interests, which go beyond working to keep the installation powered. He has always had a forte for hunting, fishing and... drag racing!

“I’ve been involved with (National Hot Rod Association) for about 17 years,” Andrews said. “I’ve seen the best and I’ve seen the worst in drag racing. I’ve traveled all over working in the Safety Safari of NHRA drag racing. In essence, we pick up the pieces when the racers break their toys.”

If you have a non-family housing job that needs to be done within 40 hours of labor and costs \$2,000 or less, dial 767-2883 at Stewart or 692-8703 or 303-3733 at Hunter.



Jim Jeffcoat

**Andy Andrews of Griffin Services checks a circuit on the Fort Stewart marquee board.**

**DPW service desk work order guidelines**

**Priority 1: Emergency**  
Examples: Gas leaks, major utilities service failures, broken electrical components that could cause fire or shock, broken water or steam pipes, spills of hazardous or toxic substances, accidental lock-ins of small children, stopped up commodes (when only one is available for use) or when roto-rooter service is required. Normal response time for Priority 1: Emergency, is immediate, if possible, or within one hour, depending upon the situation. Once started, work will continue until complete, the emergency is terminated or the priority is downgraded.

**Priority 2: Urgent**  
Examples: Heating and warm water supply outage, air conditioning system failure, functional failure of ranges and refrigerators. Response time for Priority 2: Urgent, may vary from two hours to 72 hours, depending on availability of workers and relative urgency.

**Priority 3: Routine**  
Examples: Work not meeting criteria for Priority 1 or Priority 2. This work, if not accomplished, merely constitutes an inconvenience or unsightly condition. Service orders in this category will generally be grouped by geographical area for accomplishment in the most economical manner, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Individual Job Orders: All requests for maintenance or repair projects with an estimated cost of \$2,000 or more must be submitted to the Directorate of Public Works on CPW Form 4283-1. Signature cards, DD Form 577, or unit designees authorized to sign IJO must be on file at the DPW. Requests for new work, regardless of cost, must be submitted on CPW Form 4283-1. Requesters must give their Requester ID and the Document Number from CPW Form 4283-1.

# Brigade rallies to new colors

**Sgt. Lorenda M. Morris**  
*3rd Sust. Bde. Staff*

The boom of cannon fire sounded and thick clouds of smoke rolled over Marne Garden.

The salute marked the opening of a ceremony that would provide a new rallying point for the Soldiers of 3rd Sustainment Brigade.

At the reflagging ceremony held Friday, 3rd Sust. Bde. unveiled new unit colors.

The brigade was reflagged as a result of the Army's Modularity Initiative, said Lt. Col. Leona C. Knight, future officer in charge for 3rd Sust. Bde.

Traditionally, unit colors serve as a rallying point for its Soldiers. The colors are a symbol of pride, tradition and history of a unit.

Reflagging, which began in 1950 with 6th Infantry Division, is a tradition that changes a unit's colors.

The Army has been changing for a long time, Knight said.

This reflagging somewhat symbolizes all of that change for this brigade, she said.

"Today we change our colors, but the thread that matters is not stitched into that silk, but woven into our hearts," said Col. Brian R. Layer, 3rd Sust. Bde., commander, as he addressed the ceremony audience.

"Today, we not only announce the transformation of our brigade with the change of our colors and patch, but we also celebrate the culture, the values, and the legacy we pass from generation to generation," said Layer.

Since its original constitution as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment in July 1957, the unit has undergone four redesignations, while still providing logistical support to the 3rd Infantry Division.

The unit has been known as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Headquarters, Headquarters and Band, Headquarters



Sgt. Lorenda M. Morris

***Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, Jr., 3rd Inf. Div., commander, and Col. Brian R. Layer, 3rd Sust. Bde., commander, retire the Division Support Brigade colors during a reflagging ceremony at Marne Garden Friday.***

and Headquarters Company and Band, 3rd Infantry Division Support Command, Division Support Brigade, 3rd Support Brigade and most recently 3rd Sustainment Brigade.

The brigade's service goes back as far as World War II. The unit served in France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsce, Central Europe, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, the Persian Gulf War and most recently in

the nation's Iraqi campaigns.

As the ceremony concluded, Soldiers watched as the old colors were removed from the field.

"We want our Soldiers to remember their Dogface ancestry," said Layer. "The legacy won't be cased with the old colors, but will stiffen with the new."

# Spartan Brigade welcomes seven new commanders

**Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.**  
2nd BCT PAO

Second Brigade Combat Team held a change of command ceremony at Cottrell Field Tuesday.

Not only did 2nd BCT receive a new commander, but each of the six battalions in the brigade also changed commanders.

Col. Terry R. Ferrell took the place of outgoing 2nd BCT commander Col. Joseph P. DiSalvo.

Lt. Col. Kenneth P. Adgie replaced 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment commander Lt. Col. Gary E. Luck Jr.

Lt. Col. Edward J. Chesney replaced Lt. Col. Kevin W. Farrell as the new 1st Battalion, 64th Armor commander.

Lt. Col. Jeffery D. Broadwater took command of 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, replacing Lt. Col. Michael J. Johnson.

Lt. Col. Steven M. Merkel was replaced by Lt. Col. Kenneth M. Peterson, who took command of 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment.

Lt. Col. Michael A. Armstead stepped down as commander of the 26th Forward Support Battalion, making way for Lt. Col. Mark J. Weinworth.

The 2nd Brigade Troops Battalion bid farewell to Lt. Col. S. Jamie Gayton and welcomed new commander Lt. Col. David R. Kennedy.

Unlike many other change of command cere-

monies, where each battalion holds a separate ceremony for their commanders, the leaders of 2nd BCT wanted to hold a consolidated ceremony.

"They agreed unanimously for this," said Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, 3rd Infantry Division commander. "They all fought as a team, and they wanted to leave as a team. This is a testament to their selfless service and their dedication to the Marne team and the Army."

Holding the ceremony at Cottrell Field was a natural extension of the Spartans' cohesion.

Cottrell Field is bordered by Warriors Walk, where a tree has been planted for each Soldier who died while serving in the 3rd Inf. Div. While saying goodbye to the Marne Division, the outgoing commanders could be close to those who fell in Iraq, in memory.

Prior to the ceremony, DiSalvo asked Webster to mention the fallen Soldiers in his speech.

"To all the Soldiers on the field and for those who didn't make it home, they are the ones who deserve the honor," Webster said, quoting DiSalvo. "Nothing I have done can equal their service to the nation."

"I'm certain that all of us in uniform share the same sentiment. I ask that you remember the Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Our fallen comrades must be remembered in everything we do," Webster added.

Part of saying goodbye to the former commanders involved not only remembering the fall-



Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

**Spartan BCT's Lt. Col. Terry Ferrell and Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Berhane cut a cake at a reception following the ceremony.**

en, but recounting the successes and sacrifices of the Soldiers who came back and were still serving as Spartans

"For Joe in the Spartan Brigade, you deserve to be honored as well," Webster said. "We sent the Spartan Brigade to East Baghdad because we

believed it would be the toughest nut to crack this time around, and it was. At least until the Spartan Brigade arrived and gave some hope to the people there.

"They liberated the town of Salman Pak. In April 2005, we asked the Spartans to plan a mounted operation with Iraqi Security Forces to move south of Salman Pak, an area that seemed to be where the bogeyman lived," Webster said. "Spartan warriors made a positive difference in East Baghdad. They embraced this mission and the Iraqi people who deserved their freedom. I am satisfied with your success in combat. You set a very high standard for all of us."

DiSalvo expressed regret at having to move on, but was confident in the new brigade commander.

"There is no higher honor than commanding a brigade of courageous, dedicated and selfless warriors in combat and watching you all succeed," DiSalvo said. "I am very humbled right now, and also frustrated that I cannot adequately articulate my admiration and love for you all. You have a superb new commander in Colonel Terry Ferrell. Terry, I am honored to pass the Spartan guidon on to you."

Ferrell was enthusiastic and concise in his comments to his new brigade.

"I look forward to all the upcoming challenges we will face as we strive to maintain the success of both the brigade and the division," Ferrell said. "Rock of the Marne, send me!"



Nancy Gould

**Retired U.S. Navy Admiral Thomas A. Morrison, senior associate dean for administrative affairs, George Washington University School of Law (first row, far right), presented the 2005 Legal Assistance for Military Personnel Award to the legal assistance offices of 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, June 1 at Hunter Club. Col. William Hudson, 3rd Inf. Div. staff judge advocate (front row, third from left), poses with lawyers, paralegals and other staff members of the legal offices from both posts.**

**This national award, sponsored by the American Bar Association, is given for recognition of outstanding performance in legal assistance rendered to military personnel, their families and military retirees.**



enjoyed most about this assignment and this tour are all the old friends I ran into here, and while in Iraq.

“Every place across the nation of Iraq, you can run into old friends and folks you served with in the past,” he said. “That’s really the true strength of the Army — the people.”

O’Neill said he plans on taking the lessons he acquired with the Marne Division to his next assignment.

“In terms of the experiences here, certainly the Marne Division and the Multi-National Division Baghdad really wrote the book on how

to successfully conduct counter-insurgency operations and how to really get an integrated, comprehensive reconstruction plan moving in a large city,” he said. “If I can take those experiences and meld those into my next assignment I can be successful there as well.”

O’Neill said he was honored to be in the Marne Division and left advice for Dogface Soldiers new and old.

“Strap on your helmet and pull the chinstrap tight — the Marne Express is moving out and you don’t want to miss a single minute of it,” O’Neill said. “It’s a true privilege to be a part of this great team and I count myself very lucky to say, ‘I was a Dogface Soldier.’”

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**  
**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA), AND**  
**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI),**  
**TRANSPORTABLE CLEAR WATER RINSE SYSTEM**  
**HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD**  
**SAVANNAH, GEORGIA**

The Department of the Army hereby gives notice of availability of an EA for the Department of Defense (DoD) Transportable Aircraft Clear Water Rinse System at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. The Proposed Action would be to install, and operate a closed-loop, transportable, Clear Water Rinse System (CWRS) to rinse both rotor and fixed wing aircraft while taxing either in or out of the taxiway. The EA addresses the potential impacts to the human environment to include wetlands, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species, and the surrounding environment. The EA, resulting in a FONSI, indicates that no significant adverse impacts would result from the proposed action.

A copy of the EA and FONSI is available for public review from Friday, June 9th to Monday, July 10th 2006 at the following public libraries. All public review comments must be received no later than Monday, July 10th 2006.

**Fort Stewart Main Post Library, Building 411, 316 Lindquist Rd., Fort Stewart, GA.**  
**Mon. — Thurs., 10:30 a.m. — 9 p.m.**  
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**Liberty County Public Library, 236 Memorial Drive, Hinesville, GA**  
**Mon. — Thurs., 9 a.m. — 9 p.m.**  
**Fri. — Sat., 9 a.m. — 6 p.m.**  
**Sun., 2 p.m. — 6 p.m.**

**Mall Branch Library, 7 Mall Annex, Savannah, GA**  
**Mon. — Thurs., 9 a.m. — 9 p.m.**  
**Fri. — Sat., 9 a.m. — 6 p.m.**  
**Sun., 2 p.m. — 6 p.m.**

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**DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**HQS, FORT STEWART**  
**1550 FRANK COCHRAN DRIVE, BLDG 1137**  
**FORT STEWART, GA 31314-4927**

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**  
**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA), AND**  
**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI),**  
**FOR THE EVANS FIELD WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES**  
**FORT STEWART, GEORGIA**

The Department of the Army hereby gives notice of availability of an EA for the Department of Defense (DoD) construction/upgrade/expansion, operation, and maintenance of the Return Activated Sludge sanitary/domestic waste water treatment system at Evans Field, Fort Stewart, GA. The EA addresses the potential impacts to the human environment to include wetlands, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species, and the surrounding environment. The EA, resulting in a FONSI, indicates that no significant adverse impacts would result from the proposed action.

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# Macdonald assumes leadership of IMA

**Melina Rodriguez**  
Belvoir Eagle staff writer

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — The directorship of the U.S. Army Installation Management Agency changed hands May 30 in a ceremony on the front steps of Fort Belvoir's Abbot Hall.

Maj. Gen. Michael Rochelle relinquished the duties he's held since Nov. 1, 2005, to Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald.

"I think [Rochelle] united the staff and encouraged everyone he met to give 100 percent," said Jack Anderson, director of religious education at IMA.

Rochelle, who has been in the military for 34 years, is leaving IMA to become the Army's Deputy

chief of staff, G-1. Lt. Gen. James Campbell, director of the Army staff, hosted the ceremony and introduced Rochelle and Macdonald.

"If one were to review all of the accomplishments of Major General Rochelle, they would see how he nurtured the organization," Campbell said.

As IMA director, Rochelle was responsible for oversight of 179 Army installations. During his tenure, he oversaw a period of change which was marked by the common levels of support and the standard garrison organization, which contribute to more effective and efficient installations.

"He focused on resources and doing the right thing," said Arnie Cole, chief of Morale, Welfare and Recreation for IMA.

Rochelle expressed gratitude to the IMA employees who helped him achieve success.

"I am honored to have represented the colors of this agency," said Rochelle.

In his speech, Campbell looked to IMA's future under Macdonald with optimism.

"He is the ideal pick for IMA," said Campbell, "He has a general love for Soldiers and their families."

IMA employees said they look forward to working under Macdonald.

"He's been on the level of the people we're supposed to be taking care of," said Elaine Durden-Hunter, strategic planner with IMA. "He will bring a hands-on type of experience."

The ceremony ended with Macdonald's outlook for the future of IMA.

"I look forward to serving in this position," said Macdonald, who is joining IMA after serving as commanding general of U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

Macdonald served as the director of the Korea Region of IMA at Yongsan Army Garrison, South Korea, from July 2002 to December 2004. He is IMA's fourth director since it was established in October 2002. Macdonald graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1979, and holds master's degrees from Central Michigan University and the Naval War College.

## ASK THE JUDGE

### Soldiers and Domestic Violence – The Lautenberg Amendment

**Capt. Angela D. Swilley**  
Legal Assistance Attorney

*Hey Judge, I've heard that a domestic violence conviction can affect my military career. How is this possible?*

#### The Lautenberg Amendment

In 1996, Congress passed the Lautenberg Amendment to the Gun Control Act of 1968. This amendment makes it a felony for anyone convicted of a misdemeanor crime of "domestic violence" to ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms or ammunition. There is no exception to the Lautenberg Amendment for military personnel engaged in official duties, and since Soldiers with qualifying convictions are not permitted to handle weapons, the Soldier's Army career is naturally at risk. The Lautenberg Amendment also makes it a felony for another person to sell or issue a firearm or ammunition to anyone that has a qualifying conviction. This clause would apply to commanders and NCOs who furnish weapons or ammunition to Soldiers if they know or have reason to know that the Soldier has such a conviction.

#### "Domestic Violence" Convictions

Under the Lautenberg Amendment, a qualifying "domestic violence" conviction requires the use of physical force or the threatened

use of a deadly weapon.

In addition, the victim must have been the spouse, live-in girlfriend, ex-live-in girlfriend, child or guardian of a Soldier, or a person with whom the Soldier has a child. Further, in order for the Lautenberg Amendment to apply, the offender must have been convicted by a court. This means that only civilian misdemeanor convictions or a special court martial conviction will trigger the amendment's application. Summary courts martial, Article 15s, Chapter Actions, substantiated cases by the Case Review Committee, CID/MP blotter entries, or deferred prosecutions are not qualifying convictions under Lautenberg. Judgments that have been expunged or have been set aside also do not qualify.

#### Firearms and Ammunition

The Amendment applies to both military and privately owned firearms and ammunition. However, under DoD policy, major weapon systems and crew-served weapons such as tanks, missiles, and aircraft are not covered by the amendment. Soldiers should get rid of their privately owned weapons once they have a qualifying conviction on their record. This must be done in a way that will allow the Soldier to sell or transfer their weapons to authorized persons directly without taking physical possession of the weapons in violation of the amendment.

#### Commander's Responsibilities

DoD and Army policy require commanders to implement and enforce the Lautenberg Amendment. To do so, commanders must notify Soldiers with qualifying convictions of the amendment's prohibitions. Further, the commander must determine if their Soldiers have any qualifying convictions and notify HQDA. Commanders must also place Soldiers in positions which do not require the Soldier to possess firearms or ammunition, prohibit Soldiers with qualifying convictions from deploying for missions requiring possession of firearms or ammunition, or attending military schools with instruction in weapons or ammunition.

Finally, commanders are required to transfer Soldiers with qualifying convictions from TOE to TDA units and organizations, if possible, and to prohibit Soldiers with qualifying convictions from receiving OCONUS assignments or from reenlisting. If a Soldier believes he/she has a qualifying misdemeanor conviction for domestic violence, he/she should contact the Legal Assistance Office. A Legal Assistance attorney can help determine if the conviction is covered by the Lautenberg Amendment.

For more information, and a chance to ask questions about this article, be sure to attend "Brown Bag with the JAG" at the Fort Stewart Education Center, room 249, June 15 or contact your local Legal Assistance Office.



## POLICE REPORTS

Subject: Private, 23, Male  
Charge: Failure to obey general order (driving on post suspension)  
Location: Hunter AAF

Subject: Sergeant, 24, Male  
Charge: Driving under the influence, aggressive driving, open container  
Location: Savannah, Ga.

Subject: Sergeant, 29, Male  
Charge: Damage to government property, larceny of private property  
Location: Fort Stewart

Subject: Specialist, 24, Male  
Charge: Larceny of private property, false official statement  
Location: Fort Stewart

Subject: Sergeant, 29, Male  
Charge: Assault consummated by battery  
Location: Fort Stewart

Subject: Specialist, 21, Male  
Charge: Wrongful introduction/possession of hallucinogens with intent to distribute, failure to obey general order, wrongful introduction/possession/use of marijuana, carrying a concealed weapon  
Location: Fort Stewart

Subject: Family Member, 29, Female  
Charge: Solicitation to commit murder  
Location: Hinesville, Ga.

Subject: Specialist, 23, Male

Charge: Wrongful use of marijuana – determined by urinalysis test  
Location: Fort Stewart

Subject: Private, 21, Male  
Charge: Speeding, obstruction of justice, failure to maintain military ID on person  
Location: Fort Stewart

Subject: Civilian, 39, Female  
Charge: Improper left turn, improper parking  
Location: Fort Stewart

Subject: Private, 22, Male  
Charge: Driving while license suspended, failure to wear seatbelt while driving  
Location: Hunter AAF

Subject: Private, 22, Male  
Charge: Driving on post suspension  
Location: Hunter AAF

Subject: Specialist, 25, Male  
Charge: Wrongful use of marijuana  
Location: Fort Stewart

Subject: Specialist, 26, Male  
Charge: Drunken driving  
Location: Fort Stewart

Subject: Private, 22, Male  
Charge: Drunken Disorderly  
Location: Fort Stewart

Subject: Specialist, 22, Male  
Charge: Simple assault consummated by battery  
Location: Fort Stewart

Subject: Sergeant, 28, Male  
Charge: Driving while intoxicated  
Location: San Angelo, Texas

Subject: Specialist, 20, Male  
Charge: Criminal damage to property in the second degree  
Location: Hinesville, Ga.

Subject: Civilian, 21, Male  
Charge: Theft within special maritime and territorial jurisdiction, wrongful damage of commissary property, conspiracy to commit other crimes against property, housebreaking within special maritime and territorial jurisdiction, false official statement

Location: Hunter AAF

Subject: Civilian, 46, Male  
Charge: Suspended registration  
Location: Hunter AAF

Subject: Private, 22, Male  
Charge: Wrongful possession of marijuana  
Location: Hunter

Subject: Specialist, 22, Male  
Charge: Communicating a threat, simple assault  
Location: Fort Stewart

Subject: Family Member, 29, Female  
Charge: Soliciting another to commit a crime  
Location: Hinesville, Ga.

Subject: Sergeant, 34, Male  
Charge: Suspended registration, failure to wear seatbelt  
Location: Fort Stewart

Subject: Specialist, 21, Male  
Charge: Reckless driving, hit and run, improper lane change, failure to yield  
Location: Hinesville, Ga.

Subject: Specialist, 32, Male  
Charge: Suicidal gestures, damage to private property  
Location: Fort Stewart

Subject: Private, 19, Female  
Charge: Suspended license, speeding  
Location: Fort Stewart

Subject: Sergeant, 40, Male  
Charge: Sexual battery - rape  
Location: Gainesville, Fla.

Subject: Major, 42, Male  
Charge: Improper backing, improper parking  
Location: Fort Stewart

Subject: Family Member, 14, Male  
Charge: Runaway juvenile  
Location: Fort Stewart

Subject: Sergeant, 22, Male  
Charge: Driving under the influence, no proof of insurance, operating vehicle without tag/decal  
Location: Savannah, Ga.

Subject: Sergeant, 27, Male  
Charge: Battery  
Location: Savannah, Ga.

Subject: Specialist, 20, Male  
Charge: Suspended registration, loud music  
Location: Hunter AAF

Subject: Private, 23, Male  
Charge: Failure to obey order or regulation, headlight requirements  
Location: Hunter AAF

Subject: Civilian, 21, Male  
Charge: Criminal trespass  
Location: Hunter AAF

Subject: Specialist, 23, Male  
Charge: Disorderly conduct, public drunkenness  
Location: Savannah, Ga.

## Legal Notice

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **SGT Christopher M. Erberich**, B Co., 3rd Battalion, 160th SOAR, Hunter AAF, Ga., 31409, contact CW2 Mark Magyar, B Co., 3rd Battalion, 160th SOAR, Hunter AAF, Ga., 31409, phone: 912-315-8820.(1)

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **SPC Michael D. Hall**, C Co., 3rd Battalion, 160th SOAR, Hunter AAF, Ga., 31409, contact CW2 Christopher Galemore, C Co., 3rd Battalion, 160th SOAR, Hunter AAF, Ga., 31409, phone: 912-315-7292.(1)

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **SGT Rhonald E. Meeks**, B Co., 3rd Battalion, 160th SOAR, Hunter AAF, Ga., 31409, contact CW2 Mark Magyar, B Co., 3rd Battalion, 160th SOAR, Hunter AAF, Ga., 31409, phone: 912-315-8820.(1)

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **CW4 Michael L. Wright**, C Co., 3rd Battalion, 160th SOAR, Hunter AAF, Ga., 31409, contact CW2 Christopher Galemore, C Co., 3rd Battalion, 160th SOAR, Hunter AAF, Ga., 31409, phone: 912-315-7292.(1)

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## Fort Stewart • Hunter Army Airfield

## Stewart Briefs

**Motorcycle Access on Post**

To get on post, motorcyclists are now required to present their Motorcycle Safety Foundation card, proper identification, day pass, extended pass or decal.

**Fishing Trips**

Fishing trips will be held by Staff Sgt. Michael Lyons of Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company, Special Troops Battalion.

The only cost for the trips will be gas. Cobia, dolphin fish, and bottom fish are in season. Trips are flexible. Get out on the water! Call (912) 884-8552 on Wednesday after 6 p.m. if interested.

**Moving**

The 3rd Soldier Support Battalion Finance Office will move to Bldg. 622 June 15. Please make note of this change.

**Army 10-Miler Qualifier Run**

The qualifying run begins at 5:30 a.m. June 22 on Donovan Track at Fort Stewart, and is open to active-duty women (any age) and active-duty men, ages 40 and up. For more information, call 767-8326 / 8238.

**Gate Closure**

Gate 1 (connecting to Gen. Screven Way in Hinesville) will be closed to outbound traffic from 9 to 11 a.m., Saturday, June 10, to make way for a Hinesville parade. Alternate routes during the closure are Gate 8 (Frank Cochran Dr.) and Gate 2 (4th St. Ext. at Olmstead Ave.).

## Hunter Briefs

**Motorcycle Access on Post**

To get on post, motorcyclists are now required to present their Motorcycle Safety Foundation card, proper identification, day pass, extended pass or decal.

**Summer Reading Program**

Children ages 2–12 may now register at Hunter Library for the Summer Reading Program and pick up a bag containing a reading log and other goodies.

For information, call 315-2403.

**Army Family Team Building Class**

An AFTB Level III class is scheduled 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. June 8 and 9 at Army Community Services.

Call 315-6816 to register.

**Junior Golf Camp**

The two-day junior golf camp is scheduled June 13-14, 9–10:30 a.m. at Hunter Golf Course. Cost is \$15 per junior.

For more information, call 767-2370.

**American Red Cross Youth Volunteer Orientation**

The American Red Cross will sponsor a volunteer orientation June 9, 2 – 4 p.m., for young people who are interested in volunteering at Tuttle Army Health Clinic the summer.

Volunteers must be age 14 or older, have parental consent and volunteer for several hours weekly. The orientation includes background about the American Red Cross, how to be an effective volunteer in a medical setting, tour of the clinic, and a time to complete applications and get photographed for badges.

For additional information, contact Geraldine McKinley, Red Cross volunteer director, at 651-5314, or at [mckinleyg@savannahredcross.org](mailto:mckinleyg@savannahredcross.org).

**Vacation Bible School Needs Volunteers**

Sign up now to volunteer for Hunter's Vacation Bible School program June 26 – 30.

If interested, contact Heather Hill at [hjhill@liberty.edu](mailto:hjhill@liberty.edu).

**Thrift Shop Needs Volunteers**

Would you like to be a part of a worthwhile, non-profit group that gives back to the community? The Thrift Shop continually recycles and donates items such as cleaning rags and stuffed animals to the HAAF Fire Department; cleaning rags to the Auto Shop; cell phones to Safe Shelter; clothing, shoes and other items to the VA, Humane Society, Salvation Army, local

churches and other charities; clothes and books to retirement homes; Bibles and playing cards to the USO; prescription glasses; paper sacks, plastic shopping bags, bubble wrap and newspaper; and bicycles to the Optimist Club.

To volunteer your services or goods to the Thrift Shop, call 352-0376 or Sherrie Lewis at 459-2036.

**Get Fit at Hunter**

Free Jazzercise classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9–10 a.m., at Hunter Fitness Center, Monday, Wednesday and Friday and free evening aerobics classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6–7 p.m..

For more information, call James Simmons, 315-6749.

**OIC/RSO Certification Class**

The Officer in Charge/Range Safety Officer certification class at Hunter is scheduled for June 19.

**Cell Phone Policy Change**

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield have adopted a new policy regarding cell phone usage on post. Usage is now prohibited while operating a vehicle, unless accomplished hands free. Violators can be fined \$50 and also be assessed three installation driving points.

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# Army streamlines service uniforms to one

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Army dress will be streamlined to one blue Army Service Uniform, the Army announced Monday.

"World-class Soldiers deserve a simplified, quality uniform. The blue Army Service Uniform is a traditional uniform that is consistent with the Army's most honored traditions," said Sgt. Maj. Of the Army Kenneth O. Preston.

"We have all of these variations of uniforms - green, blue and white," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker. "It makes sense for us to go to one traditional uniform that is really sharp and high quality and which Soldiers will be very proud to wear. And that's what we've done by adopting this blue Army Service Uniform that reflects simplicity, quality, utility and tradition."

Many Soldiers already own an Army blue uniform (now to be called the Army Service Uniform) and may continue to wear it. Improvements will be made to the fabric and fit. Reduction of the number of uniforms will reduce the burden on Soldiers for purchases and alteration cost.

Introduction in the Army Military Clothing Sales Stores should begin in fourth quarter of fiscal year 2007. Introduction in the clothing bag should begin first quarter 2009. The mandatory possession date is expected to be fourth quarter fiscal year 2011.

A wear-out date for the Army green Class A and white dress uniforms will be determined at a later date.

The consolidation of Army service uniforms is part of a streamlining process. In 2004, the Army reduced the number of battle dress uniforms from three to one when it adopted the Army Combat Uniform in place of the Woodland Green Battle Dress Uniform (winter and summer versions) and the Desert Combat Uniform. That uniform consolidation has been a resounding success in terms of soldier acceptance and reducing the variety of combat uniforms with which they must deal.

Blue as a uniform color traces its origins back to the National Blue and was first worn by Soldiers in the Continental Army of 1779.

Besides tradition, the Army Service Uniform reflects utility, simplicity and quality.

In utility, the blue Army Service Uniform provides a basic set of components that allow Soldiers to dress from the lowest end to the highest end of service uniforms with little variation required.

In simplicity, the blue Army Service Uniform eliminates the need for numerous sets of green Class A uniforms, service blue uniforms and, for some, Army white mess uniforms (and tunics, for women). Streamlining various service uniforms into one Army Service Uniform reduces the burden on Soldiers in the same manner that the Army Combat Uniform did for the field utility uniform.

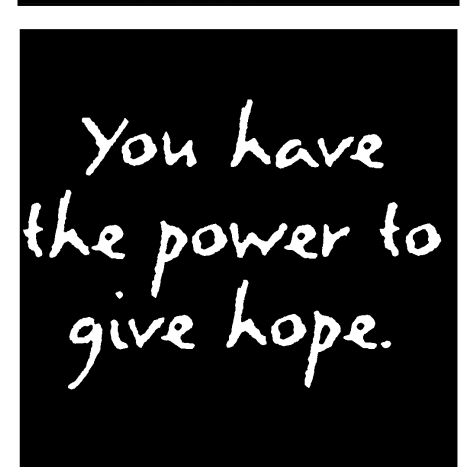
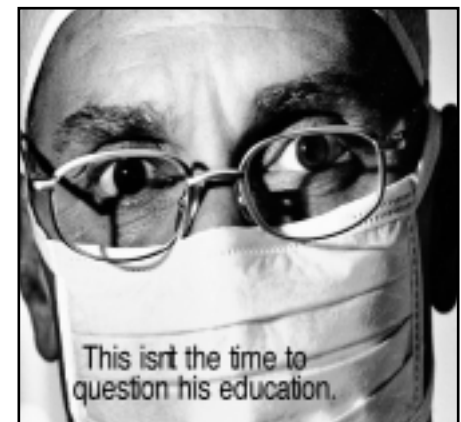
In quality, the blue Army Service Uniform is made of a durable material that is suitable for daily use without special care.

Information about the blue Army Service Uniform and its composition is available at <http://www.army.mil/symbols/uniforms>.



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**The decision to go to one blue service uniform reflects "simplicity, utility, quality and tradition," according to Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker.**



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# Education opportunities available at “Tusker U”

**Robin Arndt**  
Education Center

Lt. Col. Robert Roth, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor commander, decided his Soldiers deserved a personal and professional development opportunity upon their Operation Iraqi Freedom III redeployment.

During the lowered operational tempo, Roth coordinated with the Army Education Center to provide college courses during duty hours for an eight-week term.

Two briefings were conducted so 131 Soldiers could learn about the benefits of the Servicemembers Opportunity College Army Degree program, College-Level Examination Program, Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript Service, basics of college and college courses, as well as how to use the \$4,500 in annual Army Tuition Assistance available to every Soldier.

Columbia College on Fort Stewart stepped up with a full college schedule available to the Tuskers and “Tusker U” was born.

Maj. Martin Barr, 4/64 Armor operations officer; Master Sgt. Charles Johnson, 4/64 Armor operations sergeant; and Staff Sgt. Stephen Tinney, 4/64 Armor operations, worked closely with the Education Center to place Soldiers in the educational program.

Eleven Soldiers brushed up on basic skills with the Lifetime Library program at the Education Center to improve their GT scores.

Seventy-four Soldiers enrolled with Columbia College and 70 completed their courses during the eight-week term.

The first term of Tusker U ended with 300 semester hours of college credit earned in the classroom.

Soldiers took advantage of the joint Education Center/Columbia College eCLEP system by taking 18 CLEP exams.

They took practice exams, moved on to the electronic exam, and had results immediately.

The eCLEP program allowed Soldiers to know instantly whether they could earn credits from testing or if they needed to enroll in a particular course.

A possible total of 98 semester hours of college credit were earned during these 90-minute testing sessions.

Spc. Joshua Williams quickly took advantage of the Education Center services.

In March, he had zero college hours. He enrolled in two Tusker U courses, passed the Freshmen College Comp exam, and earned six semester hours.

He used his AARTS transcript, which recommends college credit for military occupational specialty and service school credit.

Williams earned 40 semester hours from this evaluation. Suddenly, he had 52 semester hours of college credit.

This made him eligible to walk as an associate’s degree candidate in the May 18 graduation ceremony at Stewart.

He will enroll in three summer courses to complete his residency requirement with Columbia College. In August, he should complete all requirements for an Associate of General Studies degree.

“This is the very first time that I was able to attend school during working hours,” said Sgt. 1st Class Terrance Lee of his 17 years of service.

“I appreciate the opportunity the unit gave us and Columbia College for the support they provided,” Lee said.

During this eight-week education cycle, Tuskers U’s Soldiers earned almost 400 college hours by taking classes or testing for credit. This service is free to all Soldiers.



Pat Young

**Spc. Craig Foor, HHC, 4/64 Armor, attends Tusker University at Fort Stewart Education Center while he works on his bachelors degree.**

## Former Battleking commander speaks at Sylvania Memorial Day Ceremony

**Gail Aldridge**  
**Pat Young**  
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Steven Merkel, former commander of 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment, was the guest speaker at a Memorial Day Observance ceremony held at the First Baptist Church in Sylvania, Ga., May 22.

The participants came together, along with Sylvania Mayor Margaret Evans, local middle and high school students, veterans, and other citizens, to remember the meaning of Memorial Day.

“It is not about politics or politicians, not about civilians or civic leaders, it is about the men and women who accepted the call from their country, who trained, who went to war and who made the ultimate sacrifice, the Soldier,” said the Rev. Lonnie Norris, pastor of First Baptist Church.

The students provided a JROTC color guard, band support, and read names of local Soldiers who sacrificed their

life for the country since the Revolutionary War.

Merkel shared his feelings as a Soldier and wartime veteran.

“I’ve always had strong patriotic feelings for my country and for those who preceded me as courageous Soldiers who fought through many wars so that my family could be free,” Merkel said.

“However, those were just feelings of gratitude until God took me to Iraq with the incredible Marne Team,” Merkel said. “I remain overwhelmed by the things I have been taught.

“I’ve learned so much from my fellow Soldiers, things like unconditional love and forgiveness, bravery, humility, honesty, sacrifice and honor — things one feels, but could never physically touch,” Merkel said.

Merkel accepted the invitation to speak at the ceremony when asked to share his experience and to mark the end of his current duty at Fort Stewart.

Merkel’s next assignment is teaching at the United States Military Academy at West Point.



Gail Aldridge

**Students from Screven Middle and High Schools list the names of local Soldiers who died in conflict since the Revolutionary War.**

# Marine Reservists train at new Hunter facility

**Nancy Gould**  
*Hunter Public Affairs*

The spacious 39,600 square-foot United States Marine Corps Reserve Center completed last March on Hunter Army Airfield is at a choice location, said Capt. Rob Hawkins, inspector-instructor and the facility's ranking officer.

Located centrally on post at Blanton and Lightning roads, the \$6 million, two-story building that houses the Marine Corps Reserves — officially called the 2nd Beach and Terminal Operations Company, 4th Landing Support Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group Support Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group — is easily accessible to the 168 Reservists in their mission to direct designated beach, port, railhead, and cargo terminal operations.

Its backyard neighbor, the Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, provides a quiet backdrop for company formations on the back grassy lawn and for the open weapon-cleaning station that extends along the back the facility, Hawkins said.

The first floor also houses 12 full-time staffers — 11 Reservists and one sailor — who assist Hawkins with training plans and with weekend and yearly

drills at the facility for Reservists. Those Reservists will eventually supplement the Marine's active duty forces in their worldwide mission — to augment and reinforce active Marine forces in time of war, national emergency or contingency operations; provide personnel and operational tempo relief for the active forces in peacetime; and provide



service to the community.

Thirty of the unit's Marine Corps Reservists are already trained and mobilized to support the Middle East campaign — five in Kuwait, and 25 in Iraq.

The Reservists were previously located in the old renovated commissary, Bldg. 1031 on Hunter, which was poorly configured for training and operations.

The new training facility was designed to ease mission and training

demands and includes offices for weekend trainees and instructors, classrooms, a kitchenette, a conference room, a room for key volunteers, an armory weapons room, an indoor simulation marksmanship room/drill hall and supply rooms.

The 4,600 square-foot vehicle maintenance facility located at the rear of the building houses heavy equipment, such as trucks and forklifts that augment Camp Lejeune's heavy equipment.

Hawkins said weekend Reservists have yet to settle into the new facility, since they only meet once monthly on weekends, but full-time and weekend staffers are extremely pleased with their new up-scale accommodations.

Reservists of the 2nd Beach and Terminal Operations Company train to conduct command and control for operations in support of large-scale amphibious operations. Among those tasks are shipping and receiving supplies and equipment, traffic control and force coordination on landing beaches, railheads, ports of debarkation and embarkation (both sea and air), and helicopter landing zones.

The Marines also train to support external lifting of equipment and supplies by helicopter and to support aerial delivery operations.



Nancy Gould

**Supply inventory takes place in the center of the supply room at the Marine Corps Reserve Center.**